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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST VISIT OF AMBASSADOR LEONARD AND NATHANIEL HOWELL

REF: (A) STATE 177962, (B) AMMAN 5916

1. FOLLOWING ISPROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR LEONARD AND HOWELL.

TUESDAY, JULY 25

1000 (APPROXIMATELY) (1100 AMMAN TIME) - ARRIVE JERUSALEM. CONGEN WILL MAKE NECESSARY BRIDGE CROSSING ARRANGEMENTS.

MORNING - MEETING WITH DAYAN AND MFA OFFICIALS DEALING WITH UN MATTERS, INCLUDING EITAN RONN, DIRECTOR OF INTER-NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AFFAIRS; AND
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PROF. YEHUDA BLUM, AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO UN (IF STILL IN COUNTRY).

LUNCH - WE EXPECT ISRAELIS WILL WISH TO HOST LUNCHEON FOR VISITORS.

AFTERNOON - CALL ON GEN. SIILASVUO, ACCOMPANIED BY CONSUL

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GENERAL NEWLIN.

EVENING - WE EXPECT NEWLIN, WHO IS PRESENTLY OUT OF THE
COUNTRY, WILL WISH TO HOST SOCIAL AFFAIR FOR
AMB. LEONARD AND MR. HOWELL.

OVERNIGHT AT AMERICAN COLONY HOTEL.

WENDESDAY JULY 26

MORNING - MEETING WITH KNESSET MEMBERS IN JERUSALEM.

LUNCH - WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS IN TEL AVIV.

AFTERNOON - MEETING WITH DEFMIN WEIZMAN AND CHIEF OF INTELLI-
GENCE GAZIT CONCERNING SOUTHERN LEBANON.

EVENING - DINNER WITH ISRAELIS HOSTED BY AMB. LEWIS.

OVERNIGHT AT SHARON HOTEL.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

DEPART TEL AVIV 0910, FLIGHT TWA 801.

2. RE PARA 7, REF A, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ARRIVAL IN
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ISRAEL VIA UN AIRCRAFT FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON IS INADVISABLE.
IN ADDITION TO POSSIBLY OFFENDING LEBANESE SENSIBILITIES,
SUCH A MOVE WOULD TEND TO BLUR LEONARD'S ROLE AS U.S.
OFFICIAL AND CONTRIBUTE TO AN UNHELPFUL IDENTIFICATION WITH
UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES. WE THEREFORE CONCUR WITH AMMAN'S
RECOMMENDATION (REF B) THAT LEONARD AND HOWELL STICK TO
SCHEDULE AS OUTLINED IN REF. A.

3. CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE POLITICAL COUNSELOR ROBERT
BLACKWILL.

4. EMBASSY WISHES TO NOTE THAT NIACT IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE
OF REF. A. REQUIRED COMMUNICATOR TO COME INTO EMBASSY AT
0330 LOCAL TIME, AN HOUR AT WHICH NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS
COULD BE CONDUCTED.

5. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH CONGEN JERUSALEM.
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